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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In October 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Monica Diane Moore** (CO60141766) and placed conditions against her certification. She was convicted of VUCSA – delivery of cocaine within 1,000 feet of a school bus route stop designated by the school district. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

In October 2010 the Radiologic Technologist Program released **Lesley Theresa Winston** (RT60128340) from terms and conditions set against her license.

Chelan County

In September 2010 the Surgical Technologist Program denied the application of **Joseph A. Hare** (ST60172788). Terms and conditions were placed against his credential to practice as a health care assistant in 2009.

In October 2010 the Board of Hearing and Speech entered into an agreed order with audiologist **Douglas E. Moomaw** (LD00001173). He worked while intoxicated and had to cancel appointments with patients due to his intoxication. He was convicted of driving under the influence and assault — domestic violence. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

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Clark County

In October 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program entered into an agreed order with **Diana M. Bjork** (NA60140068). She tested positive for controlled substances during a urinalysis. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

Cowlitz County

In October 2010 the Medical Commission terminated the order of probation against physician **Mark T. Reis** (MD00032312). Dr. Reis's license to practice medicine in Washington is unrestricted.

In October 2010 the Nursing Commission terminated the order of probation against licensed practical nurse **Kristy L. Welter** (LP00049722).

Grant County

In October 2010 the Medical Commission charged physician **Gaston Cornu-Labat** (MD00040392) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to comply with a commission order.

King County

In November 2010 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Shannon Fincher** (LP00044238) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly signed out oxycodone and hydrocodone for patients and failed to fully document administration or wastage of the drugs.

In October 2010 the Dental Commission entered into an agreed order with **Carl James Gross** (DE00005795). The care he provided fell below the standard when treating a patient and placing crowns on the patient's teeth. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In November 2010 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Robin Lea Hale** (RN00124935) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to document wastage of excess medications, appeared intoxicated at work, and failed to comply with a monitoring contract.

In October 2010 the Veterinary Board of Governors granted the application of veterinary technician **Melissa Kathleen Olesh** (AT60142824) and placed conditions against her license. She was convicted of nine counts of trafficking in stolen property. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In October 2010 the Nursing Commission terminated the order of probation against registered nurse **Kelli K. Phillips** (RN00136506).

In October 2010 the Nursing Assistant and Health Care Assistant Programs charged **Christina M. Strick** (NA00178285, HC00148253) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly stole at least seven blank prescriptions, forged prescriptions for Percocet, and filled the prescriptions for her own use. She also allegedly failed to respond to department inquiries about the prescriptions.

Kitsap County

In October 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program amended the statement of charges against certified nursing assistant **Deliyha R. Hopkins** (NA00201558, NC60105581). She allegedly failed to report an inappropriate picture she received of a patient naked and bent over.

Mason County

In October 2010 the Veterinary Board of Governors terminated the order of probation against veterinarian **Gary M. Olson** (VT00002961).

Pierce County

In November 2010 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Frances L. Mackey** (LP00012606) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In November 2010 the Dental Commission charged dental assistant **Erica L. Wallace** (D160056757) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly forged prescriptions for Percocet for her and her boyfriend to use.

Snohomish County

In October 2010 the Health Care Assistant Program charged **Patricia C. Flood** (HC00151427, HC60001851) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of two counts of vehicular assault.

In November 2010 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Kathleen Gilham** (RN00096708) with unprofessional conduct. She is allegedly unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety.

In November 2010 the Massage Program charged **Jaye L. Jacola** (MA00010258) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In September 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program denied the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Richard Alan Larue** (CO60174460). He was convicted of driving under the influence.

Spokane County

In October 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program released chemical dependency professional trainee **Kimberly R. Puntney** (CO60151988) from terms and conditions set against her registration.

In October 2010 the Nursing Commission terminated the order of probation against registered nurse **Reue L. Verbus** (RN00159700).

Thurston County

In September 2010 the Counselor Program denied the application of agency affiliated counselor **Catherine E. Nelles-Anderson** (CG60128710). Her license to practice as a social worker in Minnesota was placed on stayed suspension.

Yakima County

In November 2010 the Board of Optometry charged **Gary J. Martinkus** (OD00000922) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly entered into a lottery scheme and had patients send money grams for him.

Out of State

California: In October 2010 the Nursing Commission reinstated the license of registered nurse **Jody H. Fossell** (RN00079757) and placed it on probation for five years. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

California: In October 2010 the Secretary of Health amended the statement of charges against physical therapy assistant **Andrew Paco Lopez** (P160045837). He allegedly entered into a sexual relationship with a patient.

Wisconsin: In October 2010 the Massage Program entered into an agreed order with **Heather A. Foth** (MA00012183). She advertised herself as a massage practitioner and provided services to clients when she did not hold a massage license. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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